

E2E: Pt. 6b—Creation

Genesis 1:1-31

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1. Only the one who possesses life can impart life to me. All of creation receives life from outside itself both biologically, & for humans, spiritually.
2. The 6 days of creation rectify the problem of Genesis 1:2 – that the earth was formless and void, not yet habitable for humans.
3. The first 3 days of creation rectify the formlessness; these are the days of dividing. Light from darkness, sky from sea, land & plants.
4. The second 3 days of creation rectify the emptiness; these are the days of decorating & filling. Lights in the heavens, birds & fish, animals & man.
5. The one who dwells in unapproachable light commands light to exist where there is only darkness. (1 Timothy 6:15)
6. All matter in this universe receives its life from outside itself; God derives life from Himself. (John 1:1-4)
7. In the beginning, before anything else, there was already life – the one who possesses life, can impart life to me – not just biological life. (Ephesians 2:1, John 10:10)

QUOTES

“The dense accumulation of fogs and vapors which enveloped the chaos had covered the globe with a settled gloom. By the command of God, light was rendered visible; the thick murky clouds were dispersed, and light diffused over the expanse of waters.” ~**Robert Jamieson 1880**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What parts of the teaching stood out to you, words or phrases you didn't understand, or things you want to apply to your own life?
2. How does knowing that you were created because God wanted you affect how you think of yourself and your life?
3. Mark stated that all of creation receives its life from outside itself - from God.
 - a. Where do you tend to look for 'life' outside of God? Education? Money? Control? Relationships? Success? etc.
 - b. What would it take for you to anchor more of your life in Him?
 - c. What could your small group/community do to help you with that?
4. In John 17:3, Jesus says: "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." How does this passage challenge your understanding of what life is all about?
5. What questions does this teaching stir up for you that you would like to pursue further?
6. Because Jesus is the source of all Life (He clearly states that He is “the way, the truth and the life...” John 14:6), what deliberate steps should you take on a daily basis to realign your ‘ways and truth’ to match His definition of Life?

RECOMMENDED READING

The Case for a Creator – Lee Strobel
The Book of Genesis – Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum
Is Atheism Dead – Eric Metaxas
Signature in the Cell – Dr. Stephen Meyer
Winning the War in Your Mind - Craig Groeschel
Commentary on the Book of Genesis - Umberto Cassuto
Darwin's Black Box – Dr. Michael J. Behe